Hovercraft water services by Bombay

3395. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand for introduction of Hovercraft Water Services from North of Bombay to South of Bombay;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter;

(c) whether both the Eastern and Western Suburbs are to be linked to South Bombay by Hovercraft; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Some requests have been received for introduction of Hovercraft services in the Bombay region. The Central Government do not propose to operate any Hovercraft services in this region.

Complaints against Station Master/ Asstt. Station Master etc. of Vikhroli Railway station in Bombay

3396. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some complaints have been received recently against the Station Master/ Asstt. Station Master and other Railway Staff of Vikhroli Railway Station in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what action the railway Administration has taken against the said staff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Filling up of posts in Tamil Section of the Central Hindi Directorate

3397. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five out of the eight posts in the Tamil section of the Central Hindi Directorate, and that of the Assistant Director (Tamil), are still lying vacant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 48,007 students studied through the English Medium section of the Directorate from 1976 to 1988 and ninety-four posts were sanctioned, whereas for 69,138 students who studied through the Tamil Meduim section during the same period, only eight posts were retained;

(c) whether out of the twenty-six posts sanctioned recently for correspondence courses in the Directorate, not a single post was earmarked for the Tamil Section; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, but so far as the staff for Tamil meduim section is concerned, 13 more posts were added to the Unit, keeping in view the actual requirement, thus bringing the total number of posts to 21.

(c) and (d) No specific mediawise earmarking is done. Periodically staffing is, however, made, keeping in view the requirements of different media courses.